

DETAILED ACTION

1. The response of 1/26/09 was received and considered.
2. Claims 1-5, 8-9, 11-13, 17-20 & 49-50 are pending.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
4. This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 1-3 directed to an invention non-elected without traverse. Accordingly, claims 1-3 have been cancelled.
5. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Thomas Brennan, Reg. No. 35,075 on 4/14/2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

Please **CANCEL CLAIMS 1-3**.

In **CLAIM 49, LINE 3**, please **REPLACE** “user” with “user, the token producing a token code”.

In **CLAIM 49, LINE 4**, please **REPLACE** “token” with “token code”.

In **CLAIM 49**, please **INSERT the FOLLOWING AFTER LINE 4**: “receiving the token code and authentication data for the first method of authentication at the first web site;”.

In **CLAIM 49, LINE 6**, please **REPLACE** “identification data” with “identification data and the token code”.

In **CLAIM 49, LINE 8**, please **REPLACE** “token” with “token code”.

In **CLAIM 50, LINE 4**, please **REPLACE** “user” with “user, the token producing a token code”.

In **CLAIM 50, LINE 5**, please **REPLACE** “token” with “token code”.

In **CLAIM 50**, please **INSERT** the **FOLLOWING AFTER LINE 5**: “receiving the token code and authentication data for the first method of authentication at a first web site from the plurality of web sites;”.

In **CLAIM 50, LINE 6**, please **REPLACE** “a first” with “the first”.

In **CLAIM 50, LINE 6**, please **DELETE** “from the plurality of web sites”.

In **CLAIM 50, LINE 7**, please **REPLACE** “identification data” with “identification data and the token code”.

In **CLAIM 50, LINE 9**, please **REPLACE** “token” with “token code”.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance:
 - a. Regarding claim 4, the prior art has been discussed in the previous correspondence. However, the prior art of record fails to teach or disclose, either alone or in combination, communicating authentication data for both user authentication methods to a first web site using the Internet, authenticating the user at the first web site using the first user authentication method, enabling communication of token-based authentication data corresponding to the token from the first web site to a second web site using the Internet, the authentication data including a token code, authenticating the user at the second web site based on the token-based authentication data transferred from the first web site and transmitting result of the authentication at the second web site to the first web site and if the authentication at the second web site is unsuccessful, restricting access to sensitive web content on the first web site, in combination with the other elements of the claim.
 - b. Claims 5, 8-9, 11-13 & 16-20 are allowed based on their dependence.

c. Regarding claims 49-50, the prior art has been discussed in the previous correspondence. However, the prior art of record fails to teach or disclose, either alone or in combination, distributing a token to a user, the token producing a token code, providing an authentication web site to authorize the user based on the token, receiving the token code and authentication data relating to a first authentication method at a first web site, receiving authorization data from the first web site, the authorization data including user identification data and the token code from the first web site upon the first web site successfully authorizing the user using the first authentication method, authorizing the user at the authentication web site based on the token and the user identification data and if the authorization at the authentication web site is successful, transmitting data to the first web site indicating that the user has been successfully authenticated using at least two methods of authentication, wherein the user is granted access to web content on the first web site only if the user has been authenticated using at least two methods of authentication, in combination with the other elements of the claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MICHAEL J. SIMITOSKI whose telephone number is (571)272-3841. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday, 6:45 a.m. - 4:15 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kambiz Zand can be reached on (571) 272-3811. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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